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PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: William F. Leek

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For: Automatic Take-Up Device with Internal Spring

Group No.: 3637

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted prior to payment of issue fee.

ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith is:

An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. § 1.98)
Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)

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FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of other than small entity.

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Continued Prosecution Request Fee: 770.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		RATE		ADDIT. FEE	
TOTAL	19	—	20	=	0	x	\$ 18.00	=	\$	0.00
INDEP.	1	—	3	=	0	x	\$ 86.00	=	\$	0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM						+	\$ 290.00	=	\$	0.00
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE									\$	0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e))	\$770.00
Fee(s) for additional claims (Section 1.16(b)-(d))	\$0.00
Total Fee(s) Due:	\$770.00

PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

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8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

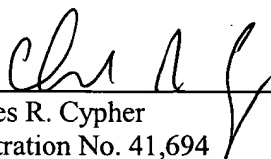
Check is attached for the sum of \$770.00. (Check no.)

Please charge any required additional fee(s) for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to Account 03-4075.

INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

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